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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Charles E. Covatch	
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Title of Application:	INSTEP PROTECTOR	
Group Art Unit: 3728	Examiner: Anthony D. Stashick	

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## Response to First Office Action

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In response to the First Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

## In the Claims:

## Marked Up Version to Show Changes Made

(Thrice Amended) Footwear for protecting a foot consisting essentially of:

 a vamp of an upper extending from a toe region to an instep region and
 consisting of a single and continuous unit;

a liner positioned beneath said instep portion and consisting of a single <u>and</u> <u>continuous</u> piece; and

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